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or, the Baffling Mystery of the Carnegie Hall Murder.

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Royce Ballard and the chance pedestrians—toiling along on foot in pursuit of a trolley car that was going at the rate of almost twenty miles an hour.

But the danger ahead was none the less grave. The policemen had doubtiess telephoned uptown to have the car stopped. Officers were probably already waiting somewhere along the track in front. Then, too, The Englishman's car was rapidly gaining on the car in front pf ft, Long before Grace Church could be reached they must perforce slacken speed; even supposing that no vehicle from; some side street should sooner obstruct rapid progress.

At Fourteenth street, at furthest, the police must stop them.

Grand street was already passed, the car almost grazing the noses of a pair of horses drawing a westbound blue car. Chancing to glance backward toward the horse-car driver, whose scintiliant profanity was still splitting the night. The Englishman's gaze became fixed and sigid.

Distant, but whissing forward at top oppeed, a northbound trolley car was fasting along in their wake.

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Highled interior of the pursuing car three bluecoated policemen.

He understood the whole situation at out of his ewn book, had seized and impressed into service the first trolley car hat had followed the one taken by the Englishman and were ordering the motorman "In the name of the law" to crowd on all power in the hope of overhauling their prey.

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"Beckwith said you couldn't fail twice. Now let's have a look at your boots."

The Englishman.

ham, looking up from one of the letters he was reading.

"What is it?" asked The Englishman.

"The signature's torn off. But the letter means something. Listen:
"Dear Mr. Ballard:
"Many thanks for the tablets. You are sure they are just what I want? Swift. certain and minless? Remember, I cannot afford to run the risk of any mistake. Since your brother will not"

"That's all there is. Signature's tore off."

off."
"No date at the top?"
"Yes. March 3.
"The very morning before Cyril Ballard was killed!" cried Beckwith.

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The Englishman had already snatched the mutilated note from Gresham's hand and was scanning it eagerly through his pocket microscope.

"Paper of German make," he muttered, thinking aloud, "Writer a Geriman of artistic temperament. Gentle by nature, but capable of sudden anger if slighted or wronged. Highly sensitive. Abnormally developed muscles in forearm and hand. Pianist, probably, professional. Wait:" scanning a thumbranck so faint as to be invisible to the

letter as that."

"A professional crook wouldn't," replied Beckwith. "It shows how little sense and forethought Von Rickerl took."

"This letter alone." interrupted Gresham, "should be enough evidence for arresting Von Rickerl for the murder and Royce Ballard as accessory.

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"But," cut in The Englishman, speaking for the first time since the discussion
had begun. "But I've had another lesson
in the mistakes a man may make in
this country of yours. I'd have sworn
that Von Rickerl could not commit a
premeditated murder. A sudden stabbing, perhaps, but"—

"It seems to me," said Beckwith,
"that our real work is just beginning,
Unless I'm much mistaken there is
something exciting in store."

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